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ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON DRUG, FIREARMS AND STRUCTURING FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Anchorage, AK – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, April 27, 2007, that Milo Lamont Tremblay, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 24 months in prison for his conviction of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute (less that 5 grams), false statement to a federal firearms dealer (purchasing firearm for another person), and structuring financial transactions to avoid currency reporting requirements (making separate deposits and withdrawals of not more than \$10,000 cash).

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Tremblay, age 27.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Bradley, in January and February 2005, Tremblay deposited and withdrew over \$20,000 in cash to and from his bank account at Denali Alaskan Federal Credit Union on behalf of Joshua Pluid, structuring the transaction to avoid reporting requirements. The defendant knew that Pluid was a drug dealer, and knew that the funds were the proceeds of unlawful activity.

On July 10, 2005 Tremblay bought a firearm for Joshua Pluid, a convicted felon who is prohibited from purchasing a firearm. Tremblay swore on the ATF form that he was not buying for another person, when in fact he was buying the gun for Pluid. In October 2005, Pluid was arrested with a kilo of cocaine and the firearm purchased by Tremblay.

Tremblay was interviewed by agents on November 28, 2005. He admitted purchasing the gun for Pluid and lying on the ATF form. He said that he knew Pluid was a drug dealer and admitted that Pluid had asked him to sell drugs. He also admitted "laundering" cash for Pluid by depositing the cash into his personal account at Denali Alaskan FCU.

On November 11, 2006, Tremblay was arrested for the charges in the indictment and was found to be in possession of approximately 4.7 grams of a mixture and substance containing approximately 380 milligrams of actual methamphetamine, along with a digital scale and sandwich bags. The defendant admitted that he possessed the methamphetamine with the intent to sell it.

Mr. Cohen commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Internal

Revenue Service–Criminal Investigation for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Tremblay.

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